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Mr. Ron Nessen
The White House
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL,
PLEASE

Dear Ron,

From what I have- and I'm not talking about interpretations of meanings or anything like that - what I take to be Reagan's fairly smart act of desparation may be, I'm sure can be, his undoing.

It also presents me with the conflict of which I'm sure you are aware.

Except for the trusted friends who have copies and will say nothing, as of now nobody knowns.

If I can't resolve the conflict nobody will know at least until after the convention.

I'm sorry about the ellipsis and I do know the position in which it puts you as I'm sure you can understand what I mean by a conflict and my need to be able to resolve it honorably - and what that can mean to others, not just me.

Unfortunately I was not aware of Reagan's announcement until the evening news. So I've not really had a chance think this through.

I willl be in Washington part of Wednesday, in court in the morning and thereafter, until I return, through my lawyer, Jim Lesar, 484-6023. Beginning then he will have a copy of what I'm talking about.

Since last year's phlebitis I do not drive that far unless I must. I'll be using poor public transportation. I expect to leave Washington about 2. I'll be in again Friday for medical and dental appointments and Monday morning for my annual checkup.

There is no reason to believe that the spooks have lost their improper interest in either me or the work I do. I would deceive you to give you assurances about my phone. However, I could return a call on another phone and in your interest I'd take the time.

Events sometimes have their own way of working themselves out. There is a different vulnerability of different nature on the same general subject only your end. I have been and I will be silent about this until after the convention. I hold old-fashioned beliefs. With this, on which my lawyer is already fully informed, my belief is that in serving self-interest your man's vulnerability has been magnified. There is no doubt in my mind that it will be public prior to the election without a word from me. And then not easy to contend with.

As soon as we leave court Wednesday morning I will discuss this conflict with Lesar. My belief is that it can be resolved, and honorably.

If I do not hear from you I'll try to remember to send you a copy after the convention, however it turns out. If I forget, remind me. You have secretaries, I don't.

Whatever does or does not happen, you'll need the good luck I wish you, personally.

And sincerely,

Harold Weisberg